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## First Woman Makes Flight From London to Paris

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### IN SKY-HIGH FLIGHT FIRST WOMAN CROSSES THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

Miss Mary Davis With Aviator  
Hamel Makes Trip in Aero-  
plane From London.

LANDS SAFELY IN PARIS.

Soared to Great Height Over  
Water but Greatly Enjoyed  
Her Record Flight.

LONDON, April 2.—Mary Davis, a young woman who has shown great interest in aviation and has been a passenger with many famous aviators, crossed the English Channel in an aeroplane to-day as the passenger of Gustave Hamel. Miss Davis set a new record, she being the first woman to make the air trip across the Channel.

The start was made from Hendon, on the outskirts of London, at 9:30 o'clock. Hamel immediately shooting his machine 2,000 feet up in the air. At 11:15 o'clock the aeroplane, with Miss Davis and Hamel, crossed over Dover and began the passage across the Channel, with flying sky high.

It had been the aviator's intention to pass over Boulogne and make for Paris. He changed his mind after approaching Boulogne and alighted at noon at Saint Inglevert, not far from Boulogne.

The trip had been altogether without incident, the aviator and the passenger said. Miss Davis added that she enjoyed it hugely. They had lunch at St. Inglevert, which is to the southeast of Cape Grizelles, before reporting their arrival to the Aero Club of London. The delay in receiving their report caused anxiety among the friends of the young woman and the aviator, who had gathered at the Aero Club to get news of the trip.

The people of Boulogne were disappointed greatly that Hamel did not land in the city. A great reception had been prepared for them, and the Mayor and common council awaited them.

Knowing the great height at which Hamel had passed over Dover, it was assumed that he would be seen as a speck in the sky at Boulogne, and the sky was studied carefully for hours after the aeronaut and his companion had reached the ground at Saint Inglevert.

Later in the day Hamel and Miss Davis again ascended and proceeded to Paris, arriving safely in the French Capital.

There is great enthusiasm in aviation circles here over the new record Miss Davis has made for her sex. She is described as an absolutely fearless woman, always ready to take any invitation extended to her by an aviator.

PARIS, April 2.—Gustave Hamel, with his woman passenger, Miss Mary Davis, after a short stay at Saint Inglevert, after the flight across the English Channel, made another ascent and flew to Paris, where they arrived on the aviation ground at Issy-les-Moulineux at five minutes to six this evening.

**SENATE GOES TO TAFT**

**FOR JAP NAVAL BASE FACTS.**

Wants Official Information on Report That Mexico Has Made Agreement With Mikado.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—The Senate today adopted a resolution presented by Senator Lodge, requesting President Taft, if not incompatible with public interest, to furnish the Senate all information bearing on reported Japanese activity at Magdalena Bay, Lower California.

The resolution bears on the repeated report that Mexico has agreed to give Japan a naval base at Magdalena Island.

**MURPHY CALLS ON GAYNOR.**

Has a Talk with the Mayor at City Hall.

Charles F. Murphy visited the City Hall to-day and was in conference with Mayor Gaynor for more than an hour. Neither the Mayor nor Mr. Murphy would state what was discussed.

"Did you see the Mayor with reference to the Democratic Presidential nomination?" Mr. Murphy was asked. "I called," said he, "simply to pay my respects to the Mayor."

### HEROIC RESCUERS SAVE TWO WOMEN OVERCOME IN FIRE

Crowd Cheers as Police and  
Firemen Also Lead Men  
to Safety.

NEIGHBORHOOD PANIC.

Policeman Murphy Sent in  
Alarm, Then Dared Flames  
and Smoke to Save Life.

In a fire that swept through the three-story brown stone house, No. 38 West Twenty-ninth street, just after 1:30 o'clock this morning and endangered both the adjoining houses, several thrilling rescues were made. Policeman Murphy carried Mrs. Tilly Sporan through the flames and smoke at No. 38, and the firemen carried down from the top floor at No. 36 Mrs. Hannah Middleton, a bedridden invalid, eighty-four year old, who had not been out of the house for four years.

The firemen also rescued Henry Sporan and Herman Evans who were yelling for help on the fire escape amid the flames on the third floor at No. 38. The rescuers were cheered by a big crowd of spectators on Broadway.

The building No. 38 is a Hungarian restaurant. The proprietors, Sporan and Evans, live on the top floor. The second floor is occupied by a dyeing and cleaning firm. The fire started in the basement of a rear extension, used as a poolroom.

A watchman at Weber & Fields' Theatre, standing at the stage door, saw the flames bursting through the roof of the extension and shouted to Policeman Murphy of the West Thirtieth street station, who was on post. By the time Murphy had sent in an alarm and got to the house the flames had eaten through the floors of the restaurant and mushroomed through the windows at the rear.

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**COULDN'T FIX LADDER AND  
WERE DRIVEN BACK.**

Mr. and Mrs. Sporan and Evans, unable to get down the stairs on account of the heat and smoke, got out onto the fire escape and reached the second floor. But the men were so excited that they fixed the lower extension ladder short of the ground by about six feet. When one went on to try it before letting Mrs. Sporan down, the ladder swung so he was too frightened to continue and rushed back. The flames crept up to the second floor, and the men had to help the screaming woman back to the third floor.

Policeman Murphy broke in the front door and, rushing through the smoke-filled hall, got upstairs and succeeded in reaching Mrs. Sporan, whom he carried down to the street. The woman swooned as she passed through the flames. Her husband and Evans were too scared to follow and remained on the fire escape.

The flames crept to the third floor and burst out over the fire-escape. The two men, whose cries of pain and fear could be heard for two blocks, were on the point of jumping when Capt. Connelley ran up his ladder and amid the cheers of a big crowd the two men were brought down.

Deputy Fire Chief Martin ordered Nos. 36 and 40 cleared of its occupants. No. 36 is occupied as a dance club and No. 40 as a place for the sale of open books and handbags. On the top floor lived Mrs. Hannah Middleton and her son Thomas. When the aged woman was carried down she was taken to the Hotel Breslin, where the manager readily gave her a room.

She told the police that she had not been able to leave her bed for four years.

No. 40 is a lodging house and fifty Greeks were sleeping there. When the men were rescued they became so excited that they fought in the hall to get out and so blocked the passage. The police had to use their night sticks to force them out.

While he was working on the burning extension a wall fell and caught Fireman Frank out of Truck No. 24, injuring his foot. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital and then home.

Many guests at the Hotel Breslin were alarmed by the smoke which entered their windows. The damage is placed at \$5,000.

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### Girl Who Says Infatuated Youth Slashed Her, Brother and Accused



CORNELIUS DUGGAN.



ELIZABETH DUGGAN.

### 150-POUND STONE DROPS 16 STORIES INTO BROADWAY

Coping From Times Building  
Narrowly Misses Pedestrians  
Passing on Sidewalk.

One of the large stones forming the coping at the sixteenth floor of the apex of the triangular New York Times Building fell into Seventh avenue at the corner of Forty-third street at 12:15 o'clock this afternoon. The stone, which weighed probably 150 pounds, landed on the sidewalk about midway between the building line and the subway entrance at the curb.

A dozen persons, most of them young girls on their way to lunch from the office buildings in the vicinity were endangered by the falling stone. One man was missed by not more than three feet. As the stone landed right behind him he pulled his hat down on his head and started up through Long Acre Square regardless of traffic. When last seen he was passing Forty-seventh street in the middle of Broadway and going strong.

The impact with the sidewalk broke the big stone into thousands of pieces. Some of these were found a block away. The windows of Childs and Codrington's restaurants and Dowling's saloon across Seventh avenue from the Times Building were powdered with pieces of stone, and many spectators were struck by the flying fragments, but no one was injured so far as the police could ascertain.

Pat McDonald, the big shot-putting traffic cop at the intersection of Forty-third street and Broadway, directed vehicles away from the corner in a hurry. He was afraid the whole coping would come down.

Other policemen from nearby posts joined McDonald and news of the accident was telephoned to the West Forty-seventh street station. The reserves were sent to the Times Building and lines were formed in Seventh avenue, Forty-second and Forty-third streets to keep pedestrians away from the danger zone.

Supt. G. B. Meyer was not in his office when policemen investigating the affair called. One of his assistants said the stone was probably loosened by rain.

"Is it possible that others may fall?" asked the officer.

"We couldn't say," replied the superintendent's assistant.

Notification was served upon Meyer's office force to proceed immediately to make the coping safe and the Building Department was asked to make an inspection. The gap left by the stone is plainly visible from Longacre Square.

**He Wasn't the Stubborn Juror.**

Patrick F. Goff, who was juror No. 5 during the Sugar Trust trial in the Federal Court, announced to-day that he was not the lone juror who held out until after midnight Sunday morning, resulting in a disagreement. Mr. Goff says ten ballots in all were taken and that the jury stood seven for acquittal against five for conviction in the ten ballots taken.

### SLASHED HIS QUEEN WHEN SHE REFUSED TO ELOPE WITH HIM



Son of Rich Venezuelan Planter

Held Without Bail for  
Attack on Girl.

HER FAMILY OBJECTED.

Forbade Youth to See Young  
Daughter When They Found  
He Was Married.

Another romance came to grief to-day in West Side Court before Magistrate Herman, when Alberto Sanchez, twenty-one years old, of No. 413 West Twenty-third street was held without bail, charged with felonious assault on a seventeen-year-old Elizabeth Duggan of No. 24 Columbus avenue. The complainant was Cornelius Duggan, a brother of the girl, who declared Sanchez attacked him with a razor when he refused to allow the youth to accompany his sister any longer.

For some months Sanchez, a Venezuelan, had been telling the girl that he would make her a queen and would lead her down with diamonds in a beautiful castle in South America. The romance progressed until the Duggans discovered Sanchez was already married. Then they told him to stop his calls. For a while he did so, but after a few weeks he came again, telling them he was getting a divorce. They refused to see him.

March 27, according to the testimony, Sanchez waited for the girl at the Twenty-third street subway station, where she takes the train every evening. He told her that he had been sent to meet her by her mother who advised them to elope. On the train he pressed his suit, but without success.

Arriving in front of the Duggan home he is said to have drawn a razor and flourished it at the girl, crying "Well, if I can't have you, I love you so much that no one else will." The girl fled into her home, Sanchez following.

Mrs. Duggan and Cornelius were at home when Sanchez is alleged to have rushed at the girl, slashing her clothing with a razor. Her cries brought her brother to her assistance and in the mixup he received two severe cuts on the arm.

Sanchez escaped, and since then detectives have been looking for him. Last night he was found in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory at Thirty-fourth street and Fourth avenue. He is a member of Company I. He was in uniform when the detectives arrested him, but was allowed to change to civilian clothes at the request of his colonel.

Sanchez denied the story told by the girl. He said he had gone to the Duggan house to get several love letters he had written. While there he alleges that the girl threw them in his face and that Cornelius rushed at him with a razor.

He was about to be admitted to bail by Magistrate Herman when it was reported he was the son of a Venezuelan planter, supposedly wealthy. Then he was held without bail.

**PROHIBITION WRIT ARGUED  
IN APPELLATE DIVISION.**

Justices Reserve Decision After  
Hearing Lawyers in Hyde's  
Latest Legal Move.

Charles H. Hyde, former City Chamberlain, under indictment for attempted bribery, appeared before the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court to-day to argue the writ of prohibition lodged against Justice Woodward of Brooklyn, Justice Woodward last Friday issued a writ of habeas corpus commanding the appearance of Hyde before him.

Assistant District Attorney Johnstone argued that Justice Woodward had no right to make the writ returnable before him; that by so doing he took Hyde away from the jurisdiction of the county where he was indicted.

Frederick Coubert appeared for Justice Woodward and contended that the Justice was within his rights. Decision was reserved.

**Baby Drowns in Kitchen of Home.**

While Mrs. Anna Kerrigan of No. 311 Reid avenue, Brooklyn, was entertaining guests yesterday afternoon, her fourteen-month-old son Andrew scrambled down from her lap and crawled through the dining room into the kitchen. When Mrs. Kerrigan, after several minutes, went into the kitchen to look for him she found him head down in five inches of water he had drawn to fill a foot tub. Mrs. Kerrigan's screams brought her guests, and with her they tried to resuscitate the infant, but to no purpose. Dr. Albert Griffiths of No. 113 Ocean avenue, said the child was beyond aid.

### \$1,300 HOLDUP A LIE, "VICTIM" CONFESSES UNDER THIRD DEGREE

Twelve Hours' Grilling Forces Cooper  
to Admit He Bound, Gagged and  
Blindfolded Himself in Brook-  
lyn Railroad Cut.

HOURS IN "BANDITS' DEN"  
SPENT IN CENTRAL PARK

Really Lost About \$600 of Produce  
Firm's Money Somewhere on  
B. R. T., He Declares.

By his own confession, drawn from him after detectives had questioned him for nearly twelve hours, Robert H. Cooper, the Brooklyn agent for the United Produce Company, whose office is at Forty-seventh street and Second avenue, South Brooklyn, established the fact to-day that his elaborate romance of being blackjacked, bound, immured in a cellar by bandits, robbed of \$1,300 and finally dropped forty feet on a railroad track to die was woven of the stuff dreams are made of.

Cooper told Acting Capt. Fay of the Fourth avenue, Brooklyn, station at the end of his long grilling that what he had really lost was \$600 that belonged to the firm, and that his highly frilled tale was designed to cover this embarrassment.

### ARBUCKLE ESTATE TO BE DIVIDED BY HIS HEIRS AT LAW

No Will Found and Adminis-  
trators Will Be Named to  
Apportion \$20,000,000.

That John Arbuckle, the multi-millionaire coffee and sugar king, died intestate was the declaration late this afternoon of William N. Dykman, who had charge of all Mr. Arbuckle's legal affairs. A petition for the appointment of administrators to take charge of the \$20,000,000 estate is now being prepared by Mr. Dykman and will be filed in the Surrogate's Court, probably to-morrow.

The fortune will be divided among the heirs at law, comprising Mr. Arbuckle's two sisters and his nephews.

"We have made a most exhaustive search for a will," said Mr. Dykman, "and have found no trace of such an instrument. None of Mr. Arbuckle's attorneys, business associates or relatives ever heard that he had executed a will, and we have come to the conclusion that no such document was ever prepared or signed. The petition for the appointment of administrators is now being prepared in my office and will be filed immediately, so that the court may name some one to take charge of the large estate."

The search for a will has been pursued ever since Mr. Arbuckle's death. Mr. Arbuckle, his friends and relatives declare, did not appreciate the serious state of his health and had never given much thought to the disposition of his fortune after his death.

**Court Upholds Bingham.**

ALBANY, April 2.—The Court of Appeals to-day upheld the action of Theodore A. Bingham, as Police Commissioner of New York, in dismissing John T. Stephenson, a police captain in the One Hundred and Eighty-fourth precinct. The captain was charged with having failed to visit certain parts of his precinct and to enforce the rules of the department.

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D. W. Schultz, president of the United Produce Company, with office at Eleventh avenue and Twenty-sixth street, said to-day that experts had been put on the books which Cooper kept as agent at the firm's branch office in South Brooklyn, and that until they had reported it would be impossible to determine whether the \$600 which Cooper lost was money due the firm or his own money, due him as commission on the business he transacted.

"I am at a loss to explain Cooper's action," said Mr. Schultz. "I think the kindest thing that can be said is that the man has been under such a tremendous mental strain recently that he was not responsible for his actions yesterday, nor for the elaborate falsehood which he told the police. Stillmore in his family has weighed upon him greatly of late. And I believe that his nerve gave out."

Before the news that Cooper had signed a complete confession, repudiating his first story of robbery and attempted murder, was allowed to be held at Police Headquarters, Dr. V. W. Wood of No. 128 Halsey street, met visitors at Cooper's home, No. 588 Duane street, with his finger on his lips. **IS IN COLLAPSE FROM HIS TIPS.**

"Sh-h-h!" commanded Dr. Wood. "Mr. Cooper is in a highly nervous state as the result of his experiences yesterday. He must have absolute quiet and rest, for he is suffering from complete nervous shock."

"Yes," the doctor answered in response to a question. "Mr. Cooper has a severe abrasion on the forehead, but he is not suffering from concussion of the brain. Nobody can see him. I will not allow detectives or reporters to see him until he has had much needed rest."

The detectives who examined Cooper all last night say that he did not have a mark or a bruise on him, despite his original story of having been dropped down the almost perpendicular railroad cut at Fifth avenue and Sixty-fifth street. The only mark of violence about him was a knife slit through his coat and waistcoat over the heart, which Cooper admitted having made himself to help out his tale of the murderous assault at the hands of thugs.

At 5:30 o'clock this morning after he had been undergoing examination in the Fourth avenue station since 3:30 the night before, Cooper was allowed to go to his home. No charge was made against him and none will be made, so the detectives engaged in the investigation said, unless a representative of the United Produce Company, whose \$200 Cooper said he lost, appears to make a complaint.

**"CALL IT ALL OFF; IT'S A LIE," HE SAID.**

"Well, call it all off; it's a lie that I've been telling you," was the way Cooper contradicted his own elaborate romance at the end of the long stage in the back room of the police station, but Acting